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Amendment Transmittal

A Reasons for Amendment

Part 6, Section 5 has been added to provide instructions for the Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program.

Exhibit 9 has been amended to include EFCRP practices CP35A, CP35B, CP35C, CP35D, CP35E, CP35F, CP35G, CP35H, and CP35I.

Exhibit 17 has been added to provide examples of EFCRP status of offer notices (CRP-100, CRP-101, CRP-102, CRP-103, and CRP-104).

Exhibit 18 has been added to provide the eligible State and counties and applicable EFCRP annual rental rate.

Exhibit 18.5 has been added to provide the EFCRP BI and national calculation factors.

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Producers receive annual rental payments on the land that is enrolled under FWP. The annual rental payment is the sum of the following:

- calculated SRR
- 20 percent of the calculated SRR
- *--applicable maintenance incentive rate, according to subparagraph 124 C.

Note: The revised maintenance incentive applies to all new offers except for CREP. CREP related maintenance incentives are governed by approved CREP agreements.--*

B Cost-Share Payments

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing a permanent cover. See Part 20.

C Incentive Payments

The following incentives are authorized for CP27 and CP28:

- PIP
- SIP
- 20 percent of the weighted average SRR.

148 Payments (Continued)**D Payment Example**

A producer enrolls 3 acres of eligible wetlands and 9 acres of eligible buffer into CRP under FWP. The weighted average SRR for the 3 predominant soils is \$50 per acre. The producer's CRP-1 is for 14 years 2 months. The total eligible cost for the practice installation is \$2,000.

The producer is eligible to receive the following payments.

Annual rental payment:

\$50 per acre + (20 percent incentive times \$50 per acre) + \$4 (maintenance rate) = \$64 per acre. Total annual rental payment = \$768 per year (\$64 times 12 acres).

SIP:

\$10 multiplied times 12 acres multiplied times 10 years = \$1,200.

PIP:

Total eligible cost for installing the practice is \$2,000. Producer received \$1,000 (\$2,000 multiplied times 50 percent) in cost-share. \$1000 is listed on AD-862, item H 2. PIP is calculated by multiplying AD-862, item H 2, times 80 percent. PIP is \$800.

E Limitation for CP27

Each wetland (CP27) is only eligible for payment, including annual rental, SIP, PIP, and C/S, on 5.0 acres.

149 (Reserved)

--Section 5 EFCRP Provisions*150 General EFCRP Information****A Background**

EFCRP was authorized to enroll land in CRP that is PNIF and that experienced a loss of 35 percent or more of merchantable timber in the States suffering forestry damage directly related to the 2005 hurricanes.

The 2005 hurricanes are Hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, Ophelia, Rita, and Wilma.

Offers for EFCRP will be accepted on a rolling signup basis which will be periodically reviewed for acceptability.

During signup, offers will be evaluated on the basis of:

- soil erosion prevention
- water quality improvement
- wildlife habitat restoration
- mitigation of economic loss.

Offers will be ranked at the National Office using a national ranking process. Offers selected will be those that provide the greatest benefits as related to these 4 factors.

B Goals

EFCRP is a conservation program to restore and enhance the forest resources that were severely impacted by the 2005 hurricanes.

C Consistency with CRP Procedure

Unless otherwise noted, all other provisions of CRP apply to EFCRP.

References to CRP-1 shall mean CRP-1L for EFCRP purposes.--*

--150.1 Land and Producer Eligibility*A States and Counties Authorized for EFCRP**

EFCRP is eligible in primary Presidential- or Secretarial-designated counties associated with the 2005 hurricanes which includes Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Texas. See Exhibit 18 for eligible counties.

B Eligibility for Owners and Operators

Persons determined eligible for CRP according to Part 5 may request to enroll certain acreage in EFCRP according to this section.

C Eligibility Requirement

Eligible land is land on a tract that:

- is located in a primary Presidential- or Secretarial-designated county according to Exhibit 18

Note: For tracts that overlap eligible and ineligible counties, at least 51 percent of the eligible land in a tract must be located in an eligible county.

- is PNIF
- before the hurricane, was merchantable timber with an average tree diameter of at least 6 inches at 4 ½ feet above ground level
- suffered a minimum of 35 percent loss of merchantable timber because of 1 or more 2005 hurricanes

Note: See subparagraph E for determining loss.

- was owned by a State school trust with PNIF.

Notes: Corporations whose stocks are publicly traded or owners or lessees principally engaged in the primary processing of raw wood products are excluded.

No minimum acreage size is authorized for EFCRP.--*

--150.2 Acreage Limitations and Practice Eligibility*A 25 Percent Cropland Limitation**

The 25 percent cropland limitation does **not** apply to EFCRP. Counties that are over the 25 percent cropland may accept enrollment of eligible land in EFCRP.

B CRP Acreage Enrollment Limitation

Land enrolled in EFCRP does **not** count against the CRP authorized enrollment level 39.2 million acres.

C Authorized Practices

Practices authorized for continuous signup enrollment in CRP under EFCRP are the following:

- CP35A, Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine – New
- CP35B, Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine – Existing
- CP35C, Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – New
- CP35D, Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – Existing
- CP35E, Emergency Forestry – Softwood – New
- CP35F, Emergency Forestry – Softwood – Existing
- CP35G, Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood – New
- CP35H, Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood – Existing
- CP35I, Emergency Forestry – Mixed Trees – Existing.

Practices must be determined suitable for site conditions by the technical agency to be authorized/enrolled.

See Exhibit 9 for practice write-ups for CP35A, CP35B, CP35C, CP35D, CP35E, CP35F, CP35G, CP35H, and CP35I.--*

*--150.3 Processing Offers for EFCRP

A EFCRP Activities

The following table provides a chronological guide for processing EFCRP.

Step	Action
1	FSA shall announce EFCRP through press release, newsletter, and any other available means. In addition, State and County Offices shall conduct additional outreach activities to ensure high participation of low income and minority producers.
2	<p>A producer is interested in enrolling in EFCRP. County Offices shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review EFCRP with the producer • provide the producer with the EFCRP fact sheet and discuss applicable payment options (annual or lump sum payment) • explain producer, land, and other eligibility requirements • explain to the producers the suitability of the acreage offered and kept associated with various conservation practices (CP35A, CP35B, CP35C, CP35D, CP35E, CP35F, CP35G, CP35H, and CP35I) • review BI used to rank offers for enrollment into EFCRP according to Exhibit 18.5.
3	The producer shall initiate EFCRP offer, indicate acreage offered, and identify acreage on aerial photograph.
4	County Offices shall use the EFCRP software to generate CRP-2F.
5	<p>County Office shall provide a copy of CRP-2F and an aerial photograph of the acreage offered to the designated State Forester. The tract boundary shall be outlined on the aerial photograph.</p> <p>Note: The State Office shall provide each County Office the list of designated State Foresters.</p>
6	<p>The State Forester, based on a site visit, will determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • percent of loss • erosion potential • wildlife suitability • water quality impacts • assessment of the pre-disaster condition • suitability of the acreage offered for the various practices (CP35A – CP35I). • whether the land offered is merchantable timber • whether the land offered is PNIF.

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*--150.3 Processing Offers for EFCRP (Continued)

A EFCRP Activities (Continued)

Step	Action
7	The State Forester will return CRP-2F to FSA with all applicable items completed. FSA shall review and enter data into the EFCRP software. EFCRP software will validate data.
8	The producer will choose a practice for the acreage offered within the practices deemed suitable by the State Forester.
9	County Offices shall complete CRP-1L with at least 1 signature.
10	Offers will be ranked and producers will be notified, in writing, of acceptable offers and status of offers that were not acceptable. Note: FSA will review offer data after 3 ranking periods. Offers not determined acceptable will be considered for future selection. Producers will be notified, in writing, of the status of the offer. After the final ranking period, those offers not considered acceptable will be rejected.
11	County Offices shall complete paid for measurement service for the acreage offered if appropriate.
12	A conservation plan will be developed by the Forest Service or designated State Forester, NRCS, or TSP. Note: The Forest Service, NRCS, or TSP will work with the producer in developing the conservation plan.
13	Conservation plans shall be approved by the conservation district, if applicable.
14	COC, or designee, shall provide final approval of conservation plan.
15	The producer shall sign CRP-1L.
16	COC, or designee, shall approve CRP-1L and producer shall be notified of approval.
17	The contract approval date shall be loaded into the EFCRP software.
18	Within 30 days after the start of the contract, FSA will issue a lump sum payment to the producer, if applicable. The first annual rental payment, if applicable, will be issued after 1 year after the effective date of the contract.

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--150.4 Completing Forms*A Entering Form Data**

All CRP-2F and CRP-1L data shall be entered in the EFCRP software. EFCRP has a limited funding and the EFCRP software ensures fiscal controls, accountability, and program performance data. Data must be loaded in a timely manner.

Note: There is no manual forms process for FSA's portions of EFCRP forms.

150.5 Completing CRP-2F**A Guidance for Completing CRP-2F's**

CRP-2F:

- must be completed for all acreage on which a producer submits an offer
- is used for the following:
 - making eligibility determinations
 - obtaining ranking data and statistics on acreage offered for EFCRP.

Item numbers 1 through 12 must be completed before the producer's signature and date in item 13A and 13B.

All item numbers must be completed before the producer signs CRP-2F, item 22. All changes to data entered on CRP-2F after the producer signs CRP-2F must be initialed and dated by both the employee making the change and the producer.

CRP-2F is:

- a computer-generated form
- provided for display purposes only.--*

*--150.5 Completing CRP-2F's (Continued)

B Example of CRP-2F

Following is an example of CRP-2F.

This form is available electronically. See Page 2 for Privacy Act Statement.

CRP-2F (07-06-06)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation		1. TRACT NUMBER	2. PROGRAM YEAR					
EMERGENCY FORESTRY CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM WORKSHEET				3. SIGN-UP NUMBER	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)					
<small>NOTE: The authority for collecting the following information is Pub. L. 109-148. This authority allows for the collection of information without prior OMB approval mandated by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.</small>				5. STATE & COUNTY CODE ADMIN. LOCATION	6. STATE & COUNTY CODE PHYSICAL LOCATION					
7. FARM NUMBER	8A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRODUCER (Zip Code):		9A. COUNTY FSA OFFICE ADDRESS (Zip Code):							
	8B. PRODUCER'S TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area code):		9B. COUNTY OFFICE TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area code):							
10. LOCATION DESCRIPTION OF SITE (Provide direction to site)										
11. PAYMENT METHOD (Estimated amount)				12. TOTAL ESTIMATED ACRES OFFERED						
A. LUMP SUM <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		B. ANNUAL <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____								
13. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION: I certify that the land to be enrolled into the Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program (EFCRP) has been owned or controlled by me for the prior twelve months (unless this eligibility requirement was waived by USDA) and had merchantable timber on private non-industrial forestland (PNIF) that suffered damage due to calendar year 2005 hurricane(s). The signing of this form authorizes USDA representatives to enter the property and inspect land uses as well as other purposes on the above identified land(s). I understand that a technical site visit may occur, subject to the availability of funds.										
13A. PRODUCER'S SIGNATURE				13B. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY)						
14. TO BE COMPLETED BY PROVIDER OF TECHNICAL SERVICE										
A. AREA	B.				C. STAND	D. UNDER-STOCK SUITABLE	E. BASAL AREA	F. BEFORE VALUE PER ACRE	G. AFTER VALUE PER ACRE	H. PRACTICE SUITABILITY
	PNIF		MER-CHANT-ABLE							
	YES	NO	YES	NO						
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
15. Erosion Potential: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				16. Water Quality: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>						
17. I certify that the foregoing is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.										
A. PRINT NAME		B. TITLE		C. SIGNATURE		D. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY)				

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*--150.5 Completing CRP-2F's (Continued)

B Example of CRP-2F (Continued)

CRP-2F (07-06-06)					Page 2	
18. ELIGIBILITY:						
A. Percent Loss for Site				B. Economic Loss Per Acre for Site		
19. PRODUCER SELECTION						
A. AREA	B. PRACTICE	C. DENSITY	D. WILDLIFE		E. ACRES	F. PRACTICE F3
			Beneficial Species	Enhancement		
20. ESTIMATED COST OF ESTABLISHING THE COVER: \$						
21. BENEFITS INDEX SCORE						
A. F1 - EROSION		B. F2 - WATER QUALITY		C. F3 - WILDLIFE		D. F4 -MITIGATION OF LOSS
						(1) (2)
22. PRODUCER'S CERTIFICATION:						
<p><i>By signing below I certify to all of the following: (1) the land consists of merchantable timber in which the average tree had a trunk diameter of at least six inches measured at a point four and one-half feet above the ground; (2) I am aware of the estimated cost of establishing the cover; (3) I have been informed that if my offer is accepted, a forester will visit the site to develop a reforestation conservation plan; (4) signing of this form authorizes USDA representatives to enter and inspect the land to develop a conservation plan; (5) the EFCRP provisions have been explained to me; (6) I have been informed that planting an approved mixture of covers that benefit wildlife, enhancing the existing cover to provide a mixture that benefits wildlife, if applicable, and/or thinning existing and creating and maintaining open areas of approved herbaceous cover may enhance the acceptability of the offer; (7) I have been informed that the site preparation and replanting, if required, must be completed within three years of the effective date of the contract regardless of market conditions; (8) I have been informed that I may be required to pay for measurement service on the acreage offered before such acreage may be enrolled in the EFCRP; (9) I have been informed that if my offer is accepted, mid-contract management activities, as applicable, are required to be performed, and (10) acknowledge that all offers will be reviewed for acceptability on a periodic basis including offers that were not previously considered acceptable for enrollment.</i></p> <p><i>I understand that an inaccurate certification could result in a payment reduction or loss of program benefits.</i></p>						
22A. PRODUCER'S SIGNATURE					22B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	
<p>NOTE: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, as amended. The authority for requesting the following information is the Food Security Act of 1985, (Pub. L. 99-198), as amended and the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-171), the Department of Defense, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations to address hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and Pandemic Influenza Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-148), and regulations promulgated at 7 CFR Part 1410 and the Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 6109). The information requested is necessary for CCC to consider and process the offer to enter into an Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program Contract, to assist in determining eligibility, and to determine the correct parties to the contract. Furnishing the requested information is voluntary. Failure to furnish the requested information will result in determination of ineligibility for certain program benefits and other financial assistance administered by USDA agency. This information may be provided to other agencies, IRS, Department of Justice, or other State and Federal law enforcement agencies, and in response to a court magistrate or administrative tribunal. The provisions of criminal and civil fraud statutes, including 18 USC 286, 287, 371, 641, 651, 1001; 15 USC 714m; and 31 USC 3729, may be applicable to the information provided. RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.</p>						

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--150.6 Determining Loss*A Loss of Merchantable Timber**

Loss of merchantable timber is defined as the difference between the pre-hurricane economic value of the amount of eligible land on the entire tract offered for enrollment in EFCRP and the post-hurricane economic value of the entire tract using the spring 2006 Timber Mart-South prices.

B Loss of Value

The designated technical agency representative (State Forester) will do an onsite visit for the tract offered for enrollment. The State Forester will evaluate and determine the following:

- type of tree
- quantity of timber
- quality of timber.

The results of their site visit will be recorded on CRP-2F.

C Examples of Determining Total Loss

Example 1: A producer with a 100-acre tract of land would like to enroll into EFCRP. The 100-acre tract was comprised of 80 acres of loblolly pine and a 20-acre soybean field as of August 1, 2005. The loblolly pines were 10 inches in diameter and the land is PNIF. The pre-hurricane value of the land was \$10,000 and the post-hurricane value is \$1,000.

The 80 acres of loblolly pine would be eligible and the percent loss would be:

$$\begin{aligned} & \$10,000 \text{ (pre-hurricane)} - \$1,000 \text{ (post-hurricane)} = \$9,000 \div \$10,000 \\ & \text{(pre-hurricane value)} = .90 \text{ or } 90 \text{ percent loss.--*} \end{aligned}$$

--150.6 Determining Loss (Continued)*C Examples of Determining Loss (Continued)**

Example 2: A producer with a 100-acre tract of even-aged loblolly pine but wants to enroll only the 20 acres of loblolly damaged by a tornado associated with the hurricane. The land is PNIF with the timber 12 inches in diameter at 4 ½ feet above the ground. The pre-hurricane value is \$20,000 and the post-hurricane value is \$15,000.

The producer **cannot** enroll only the 20 acres damaged by the tornado. The producer must enroll the entire tract if the entire tract consists of PNIF of merchantable timber. The tract meets PNIF and merchantable timber threshold but does **not** meet the 35 percent loss criteria. The timber loss is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \$20,000 \text{ (pre-hurricane)} - \$15,000 \text{ (post-hurricane)} = \$5,000 \div \$20,000 \\ & \text{(pre-hurricane value)} = .25 \text{ or } 25 \text{ percent loss.} \end{aligned}$$

Example 3: A producer, with 100 acres of 30-year-old loblolly pine, clear cut 48 acres 1 month before the hurricane hit. The land is PNIF and suffered a 100 percent loss.

A producer has a 100-acre tract that is all PNIF. Fifty-two acres had 30-year-old loblolly standing at the time of the hurricane and experienced a 100 percent loss. The other 48 acres had been clear cut 1 month before the hurricane hit.

The land that was clear cut 1 month before the hurricane is **not** eligible. The remaining 52 acres would be eligible.--*

***--150.7 Completing CRP-1L's**

A Guidance for Completing CRP-1L's

CRP-1L is the EFCRP contract. Separate CRP-1L's must be completed for each CRP-2F.

CRP-1L's with at least 1 signature and CRP-2F must be submitted for an offer to be considered for ranking.

CRP-1L is:

- a computer-generated form
- provided for display purposes only.--*

*--150.7 Completing CRP-1L's (Continued)

B Example of CRP-1L

Following is an example of CRP-1L.

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CRP-1L U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 (07-06-06) Commodity Credit Corporation

**EMERGENCY FORESTRY
 CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CONTRACT**

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1. ST. & CO. CODE & ADMIN. LOCATION		2. SIGN-UP NUMBER	
3. CONTRACT NUMBER		4. ACRES FOR ENROLLMENT	
7. COUNTY OFFICE ADDRESS (Include Zip Code):		5. FARM NUMBER	
8. OFFER EFCRP		6. TRACT NUMBER(S)	
TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code):		9. CONTRACT PERIOD FROM: (MM-DD-YYYY) TO: (MM-DD-YYYY)	

THIS CONTRACT is entered into between the Commodity Credit Corporation (referred to as "CCC") and the undersigned owners, operators, or tenants (who may be referred to as "the Participant"). The Participant agrees to place the designated acreage into the Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program ("EFCRP") or other use set by CCC for the stipulated contract period from the date the Contract is executed by the CCC. The Participant also agrees to implement on such designated acreage the Conservation Plan developed for such acreage and approved by the CCC and the Participant. Additionally, further, the Participant agrees that the payment schedule is either one lump sum rental payment or 10 equal annual rental payments. The Participant and CCC agree to comply with the terms and conditions contained in this Contract, including the Appendix to this Contract, entitled Appendix to CRP-1L, Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program Contract (referred to as "Appendix"). By signing below, the Participant acknowledges that a copy of the Appendix for the applicable sign-up period has been provided to such person. Such person also agrees to pay such liquidated damages in an amount specified in the Appendix if the Participant withdraws prior to CCC acceptance or rejection. The terms and conditions of this contract are contained in this Form CRP-1L and in the CRP-1L Appendix and any addendum thereto. **BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT PARTICIPANTS ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS: CRP-1L; CRP-1L Appendix and any addendum thereto; CRP-2F, if applicable.**

10. Lump Sum \$		12. Identification of CRP Land (See Page 2 for additional space)				
11A. Rental Rate Per Acre \$		A. Tract No.	B. Field No.	C. Practice.	D. Acres	E. Total Estimated Cost-Share
B. Annual Contract Payment \$						

13. PARTICIPANTS

A(1). PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (Zip Code):	(2) SHARE %	(3) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: (4) SIGNATURE <small>(If more than three individuals are signing, continue on attachment.)</small>	DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
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14. CCC USE ONLY - Payments according to the shares are approved.	A. SIGNATURE OF CCC REPRESENTATIVE	B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
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--150.8 Reviewing and Ranking Offers*A Reviewing Offers**

COC, or designee, shall ensure that:

- producers have submitted offers for EFCRP by tract
- CRP-1L was signed
- CRP-1L signatories have an interest in the acreage offered
- CRP-1L contains at least 1 eligible signature.

Note: Producers shall be notified that they have 15 calendar days from the date of notification informing them that their offer was acceptable to obtain all signatures, or CRP-1L will **not** be approved.

See paragraph 198 for signature requirements.

B National Ranking

FSA will periodically evaluate offers after these 3 ranking periods:

- July 17 through August 25
- August 28 through September 22
- September 25 through October 20.

Eligible offers not selected for a particular ranking period will be rolled over to the next period. For the final ranking period, FSA will select the most desirable offers, subject to available funding.

C Eligibility Review

COC shall review the acceptable offers to ensure that all eligibility criteria have been met for all offers determined acceptable by the FSA National Office.

D Notifying Producers

COC, or designee, shall notify producers, using CRP-100, CRP-101, CRP-102, CRP-103, and CRP-104 (Exhibit 17) of the status of their offer as soon as the list of acceptable offers is received and COC has conducted an eligibility review.--*

***--150.9 Contract Duration and Program Year**

A Contract Duration and Effective Date

The CRP-1L period for EFCRP is 10 years.

The effective date of CRP-1L is the first day of the month following the month COC approves CRP-1L. EFCRP contracts will expire at the end of the month throughout the year, depending upon the month of the effective date.

Example: A producer signs CRP-1L on July 17, 2006. COC approves CRP-1L on September 27, 2006. The effective date of the EFCRP contract is October 1, 2006. The contract period is August 1, 2006, through July 31, 2016.

Note: The producer may **not** defer the effective date of CRP-1L .

B Program Year

The program year is FY in which the first payment is earned.

C Continuous Signup Number

EFCRP shall use signup number 34.--*

--150.10 Payments and Payment Limitation*A EFCRP Payment Options**

Participants may elect to receive either an annual rental payment or a lump sum payment.

B Annual Rental Payment

Participants may receive annual rental payments on the land enrolled in EFCRP. The EFCRP rental payment rate is the average rental rate for CRP contracts in the county. The annual rental payment is the EFCRP rental rate multiplied times the number of acres of the EFCRP contract. See Exhibit 18 for the EFCRP average rental rates for each county.

Note: Where no CRP contracts were enrolled in a county, the EFCRP rental rate is the CRP rental rate applicable to a nearby similarly-situated county.

Example: A producer enrolls 10 acres in EFCRP in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana. Lafayette Parish average rental rate for current CRP contracts is \$30 per acre.

10 acres X \$30 per acre = \$3,000. The annual rental payment is \$3,000.

The annual rental rate in Exhibit 18 incorporates any annual maintenance payment. There shall be **no** additional maintenance rates added to the annual rental rate.

Note: See subparagraph 372 B for issuing annual payments for EFCRP contracts for CRP-1L's.

Exception: Annual payments are scheduled to be issued starting 1 year after the anniversary of the effective date of the contract.

C Lump-Sum Payment

Participants may select to receive a lump-sum payment for the EFCRP contract. The lump-sum payment is a one-time payment for the 10-year EFCRP contract period. The payment will be issued within 30 calendar days from the date COC approves CRP-1L.

A lump sum payment means the present value of the 10 annual payments based on a 5 percent discount rate.--*

--150.10 Payments and Payment Limitation (Continued)*C Lump Sum Payment (Continued)**

Example 1: A producer enrolls 10 acres into EFCRP in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana (average SRR on existing CRP contracts is \$30) and chooses the lump sum payment. The producer will receive the present value of 10 annual payments of \$300. The producer would receive a one-time lump sum payment of \$2,317 for the 10 acres.

Under a lump sum payment, a producer may receive a one-time payment that exceeds the CRP annual payment limitation of \$50,000. However, no producer shall receive an amount larger than the PV of \$50,000 per year for 10 years.

Example 2: A producer, who has no other CRP contracts, enrolls 1,000 acres in Perry County (average CRP rental rate = \$30). The producer elects to receive a lump sum payment (\$231.65 per acre). The producer will receive a lump sum payment of \$231,650. The annual rental payment for payment limitation purposes is \$30 per acre X 1,000 acres = \$30,000 per year.

D Payment Limitation for Lump Sum Payment

For payment limitation purposes, lump sum recipients will be treated as the equivalent of 10 annual payments.

Example: A producer receives a lump sum payment of \$233,650. The payment is based on the present value of 10 annual payments of \$30,000.

E C/S Payments

CCC will pay up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing a permanent cover.

F Other Federal C/S

EFCRP participants receiving other Federal C/S payments are **not** eligible to receive or retain EFCRP C/S on the same acreage.

Exception: If the payments received are not considered C/S, or the other program's activity is fully completed before the effective date of the EFCRP contract, then the EFCRP participant may receive EFCRP C/S. Fully completed means that all activity is finished and a payment made with no further obligations.

Example: A producer offers to enroll 1,000 acres. The contract is approved and she receives \$24,000 in C/S payments. The producer applies for C/S assistance from another Federal program. If the producer receives other Federal C/S assistance, then the producer is no longer eligible to retain or receive CRP C/S payments.--*

--150.10 Payments and Payment Limitation (Continued)*G Incentive Payments**

Wetland restoration incentives, and CRP-SIP, PIP, and SRR incentives are **not** authorized for EFCRP.

Important: Incentive payments are **not** authorized for EFCRP.

Note: EFCRP rental rates provide funding to carryout maintenance activities.

H Payment Limitation

Payment limitation provisions apply to participants enrolled in EFCRP. In the case of more than 1 producer, payments limitations for lump sum payments will be based on what the equivalent annual payment would be for the contract time of that producer's share.

150.11 Contract Activities**A Mid-Contract Management**

EFCRP contracts are required to have appropriate mid-contract management measures implemented during the contract as designated in the conservation plan as determined by STC in consultation with the State Technical Committee.

See paragraph 239 for mid-contract management activities.

B Thinning Activities

Thinning activities may be conducted during the contract provided that the activities are incorporated in the approved conservation plan. Thinning activities must be carried out in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions of the conservation plan.

Appropriate payment reduction will apply. A payment reduction rate will be assessed or an annual payment reduced equal to the annual rental payment (Exhibit 18) multiplied times the amount of acres thinned. A producer who received a lump sum payment will be required to submit a payment equal to the annual rental payment.

Producers must file CRP-37 before thinning activity may begin according to paragraph 268.--*

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Reports, Forms, Abbreviations, and Redelegations of Authority

Reports

This table lists the required report of this handbook.

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CEP-58R	Status of CRP Research Project Report	Annually	State Offices submit to Director, CEPD by end of FY	Not required	279

Forms

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AD-245	Request for Cost Shares		Text, Ex. 12
AD-862	Conservation Reporting and Evaluation System		Text, Ex. 9
AD-893	Recommendation of Percent of Cropland To Be Enrolled in CRP/WRP	71	69
AD-894	Request for Cropland Waiver	70	69
AD-1026	Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELIC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification		125, 372, 404, 496
CCC-36	Assignment of Payment		375
CCC-37	Joint Payment Authorization		375
CCC-184	CCC Check		498
CCC-502	Farm Operating Plan		496
CCC-505	Voluntary Permanent CAB/Contract Acreage Reduction		225
CCC-674	Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements	Ex. 4	6

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Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
CPA-68	Record of Decisions and Applications		335
CRP-1	Conservation Reserve Program Contract	Ex. 16, 27	Text and Exhibits
CRP-1 Appendix	Appendix to Form CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract	Ex. 21	Text
CRP-1 Continuation	Continuation to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Contract		137
CRP-1E Addendum	Addendum Regarding Possession of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Property Held by Federal Agency	Ex. 37	340, Ex. 6, 36
CRP-1G Addendum	CRP-1 Modification to Allow Early Land Preparation	280	34
CRP-1L	Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program Contract	150.7	Part 6, Section 5, Ex. 9
CRP-2	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet	196	Text, Ex. 9, 16, 19
CRP-2C	Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet (for Continuous Signup)	138	Text, Ex. 12
CRP-2F	Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program Worksheet	150.5	150.3, 150.4, 150.6, 150.7, Ex. 18.5
CRP-15	Agreement for Reduction of Bases, Allotments, and Quotas		141, 198, 335, 339, 391, 428
CRP-15-1	Allotments and Quotas Extension Agreement		428
CRP-20	Notice of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Contract Termination	Ex. 36	340
CRP-23	Notice Regarding Accepted CRP Offers	Ex. 12	141, 202
CRP-24	Notice of Contract Approval	Ex. 12	141, 202, 253

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Forms (Continued)

Number	Title	Display Reference	Reference
CRP-25	Notice of CRP Waiver of Ownership	Ex. 12	85
CRP-26	Notice of Unacceptable Offer	Ex. 12	69, 137, 141, 146, 202
CRP-35	Notice of Offer Reconsideration	Ex. 12	416
CRP-36	Notice Regarding Late-Filed Offer	Ex. 12	194
CRP-37	Request for Incidental Grazing or Use of Forest Refuse	Ex. 30	150.11, 268, 322, Ex. 9
CRP-41	Conservation Reserve Program Early Termination Agreement	358	
CRP-42	County Precipitation and Feed and Forage Loss Report	Ex. 34.5	307
CRP-100	Notice Regarding Acceptable EFCRP Offer	Ex. 17	150.8
CRP-101	Notice of EFCRP Offer Denial	Ex. 17	150.8
CRP-102	Notice of EFCRP Offer Status	Ex. 17	150.8
CRP-103	Notice of EFCRP Offer Approval - Lump Sum Payment	Ex. 17	150.8
CRP-104	Notice of EFCRP Offer Approval - Annual Payment	Ex. 17	150.8
CRP-817U	Certification of Compliance for CRP	404	
DF-21	Request to Participate in Special Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage	Ex. 32	293, 309
DF-25	Certification of Participation in Haying and Grazing of CRP Acreage	Ex. 34	293, 309
FSA-18	Applicant's Agreement to Complete an Uncompleted Practice	Ex. 48	497
FSA-321	Finality Rule and Misaction/Misinformation		405
FSA-325	Application for Payment of Amounts Due Persons Who Have Died, Disappeared, or Have Been Declared Incompetent		378
FSA-570	Waiver of Eligibility for Emergency Assistance		88
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FSA-695	Conservation Annual Payment Statement	Ex. 41	374
FSA-850	Environmental Evaluation Checklist		236, 242, 278
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NRCS-LTP-03	Conservation Alternatives		403
NRCS-LTP-11 <u>1/</u>	Contract Support Document		335
NRCS-LTP-11A <u>1/</u>	Conservation Plan of Operation		256, 335
NRCS-LTP-11B <u>1/</u>	Conservation Plan of Operation		256, 335
NRCS-LTP-012 <u>1/</u>	Revision of Conservation Plan/Schedule of Operations		256, 335
NRCS-LTP-013	Status Review		256, 403
SF-424-1	Application for Federal Assistance (Non-Construction)		47
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SF-LLL-A	Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet	Ex. 4	6

1/ Form also referenced as SCS.

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Abbreviations Not Listed in 1-CM

This table lists approved abbreviations not listed in 1-CM.

Approved Abbreviation	Term	Reference
ADC	Application Development Center	159
BI	benefits index	150.3, Ex. 18.5
CAB	crop acreage base	145
CD	conservation district	69
COLS	Conservation Online System	152, 195
CP	conservation practice	242
CPA	conservation priority area	97, 236, 242, Ex. 13, 19
C/S	cost share	Text, Ex. 9
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	Text
CRP-SIP	CRP-Signing Incentive Payment	125, 150.10, 355, 371, 372, 375
EA	environmental assessment	242, 282, 510, 513
EBI	environmental benefits index	Text, Ex. 12, 19
EI	erodibility index	69, 97, 358, Ex. 2, 9, 19
EFCRP	Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program	Text, Ex. 9, 18, 18.5
ESA	Endangered Species Act	236, 242
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program	97, 112, 510.5, 514
EWP	Emergency Watershed Protection Program	273, 355, 392
EWRP	Emergency Wetlands Reserve Program	69, 273, 355, 392
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact	510
FOTG	Field Office Technical Guide	Text, Ex. 9, 19
FWP	Farmable Wetlands Pilot Program	69, 82, 138, 144-148, 153, 239, Ex. 9, 19

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Abbreviations Not Listed in 1-CM (Continued)

Approved Abbreviation	Term	Reference
GIS	Geographic Information System	Text
GPCP	Great Plains Conservation Program	97
HUC	hydrologic unit code	Ex. 19
LTA	long-term agreement	97
MPL	marginal pastureland	69, 182
NECM	National Environmental Compliance Manager	510
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	236, 242, 510
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act	236, 242
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	242
NGO	Non-Government Organization	509, 510
P&CP	planted and considered planted	145
PAS	Public Affairs Staff	510
PIP	practice incentive payment	Text, Ex. 9
PLS	pure live seed	237, 441
PNIF	private nonindustrial forestland	150, 150.1, 150.3, 150.6, Ex. 9
PV	present value	150.5
RA	regional attorney	86, 198, 213, 335, 343, 359, 360
REX	re-enrollments and extensions	69, 335
RKLS	Gross Potential Erosion or Potential Erosion	Ex. 19
RUSLE	Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation	47, 97, Ex. 19
SEC	State Environmental Coordinator	510
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer	242
SRC	State Resource Conservationist	Ex. 9
SRR	soil rental rate	Text
THPO	Tribal Historic Preservation Officer	242
TSP	Technical Service Provider	Text and Exhibits
USLE	Universal Soil Loss Equation	97
WBP	Water Bank Program	97
WEQ	Wind Erosion Equation	47, 97
WESL	Wind Erosion Soils List	Ex. 19
WHIP	Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program	97, 112

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Easement Practice**

An easement practice is a practice that requires an easement be filed for a specific period of time that identifies FSA real property interest.

Erodibility Index (EI)

EI is the factor used to determine the inherent erodibility of a soil without management by dividing the potential average annual rate of erosion for each soil by the predetermined soil loss tolerance (T) value for the soil.

Field Windbreak

A field windbreak is a vegetative barrier with a linear configuration composed of:

- trees
- shrubs
- approved perennial vegetation.

Gleaning

Gleaning is placing livestock on fields after harvesting to use the excess crop residue and grains that remain in the field.

Infeasible to Farm

Infeasible to farm means an area that is too small or isolated to be economically farmed.

***--Loss of Merchantable Timber (for EFCRP purposes)**

Loss of merchantable timber is defined as the difference between the pre-hurricane economic value of eligible land on the entire tract offered for enrollment in EFCRP and the post-hurricane economic value of the entire tract using the spring 2006 Timber Mart-South prices.

Merchantable Timber

Merchantable timber is timber on private non-industrial forest land on which the average tree has a trunk diameter of at least 6 inches measured at least 4 ½ feet above the ground.--*

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Non-C/S Payment**

A non-C/S payment is any CRP payment that is not a C/S payment.

Participant

A participant is an owner or operator who has entered into CRP-1.

Perennial Stream

Perennial stream is a stream that contains water throughout the year. An on-site field visit may be required to make the determination.

***--Private Nonindustrial Forestland (PNIF)**

PNIF is land with existing tree cover that is owned by an individual, group, association, corporation, Indian Tribe, other legal private entity, or person who receives concurrence from the landowner for practice implementation or State school trust land.--*

Recharge Area

A recharge area is the area that contributes ground water and salts to the high water table in the discharge area or saline seep. The saline seep cannot be controlled without lowering the ground water in the recharge area. Recharge areas for seeps less than 5 acres shall not exceed a ratio of 10 acres of recharge area per 1 acre of saline seep.

Retention

Retention is the likelihood that the practice established will persist and be maintained beyond the lifespan of CRP-1 and will provide benefits beyond the contract period.

Riparian Buffer

Riparian buffer is a strip of vegetation the purpose of which is to remove nutrients, sediment, organic matter, pesticides, and other pollutants from surface runoff and subsurface flow by deposition, absorption, plant uptake, and other processes, thereby reducing pollution and protecting surface water and subsurface water quality, which are also intended to provide shade to reduce water temperature for improved habitat for aquatic organisms and supply large woody debris for aquatic organisms and habitat for wildlife.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)**Saline Seep**

A saline seep is an induced temporal (discharge) site with hydro-geologically connected recharge areas that contribute to high concentrations of soluble salts on or near the soil surface, impairing productivity. Discharge areas must have a soil electrical conductivity greater than 4 mmhos/cm at 25 degrees Celsius. Other characteristics include:

- ground water usually 4,000 micromhos or greater
- sodium absorption ratio ranges from 0 to 12
- soil pH less than 9
- high water table with electrical conductivity greater than mmhos/cm within 8 feet of the surface some or all of the time (often within 3 feet of the surface).

Seasonal Stream

A seasonal stream is a stream that contains water for only part of the year but more than just during and/or after rainfall or snowmelt. USGS maps shall not be used to determine seasonal streams. An on-site field visit may be required to make the determination.

Standard Practice

A standard practice is a practice that did not require that an easement be filed when the CRP offer was originally submitted.

***--State School Trust Land**

State school trust land is land that is owned by a State with the explicit purpose of supporting public schools.--*

Technical Service Provider (TSP)

TSP is an individual certified to provide technical assistance on behalf of USDA. Technical assistance includes conservation planning and design, layout, installation, and checkout of approved conservation practices.

Tenancy

Tenancy is the maintaining of acreage according to the Conservation Plan of Operation or, as otherwise required on the farm, as determined by COC.

Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)

Tree Planting Plan

The tree planting plan sets forth the silvicultural treatment necessary for planting trees. This plan includes:

- location
- number of acres
- site preparation
- tree species
- specifications
- planting dates
- pre-care and post-care of nursery stock
- maintenance to ensure survival.

Vegetative Cover

Vegetative cover is planted vegetation that has an expected lifespan to sufficiently protect the land for the life of CRP-1. Vegetative cover includes:

- trees
- perennial grasses
- legumes
- forbs or shrubs.

Water Cover

Water cover is the flooding of land by water to develop or restore shallow water areas for wildlife enhancement.

Wellhead Protection Area

An approved public wellhead protection area is the area designated by the appropriate State agency with an EPA-approved Wellhead Protection Program for water being drawn for public use, as defined for public use by the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended.

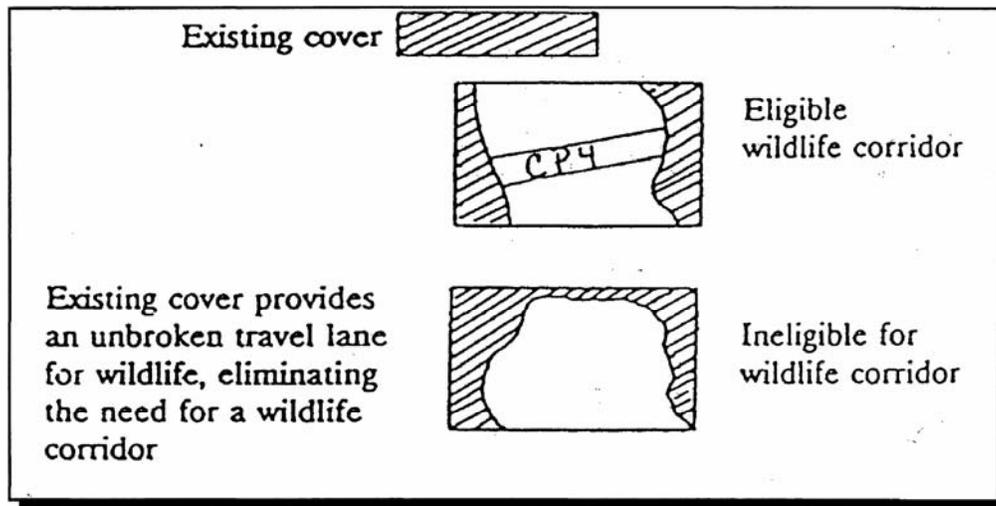
Definitions of Terms Used in This Handbook (Continued)

Wildlife Corridor

A wildlife corridor is a strip of land, 1 to 3 chains in width, which includes woody vegetation as determined by STC, in consultation with the State Technical Committee, that

- connects existing wildlife cover
- provides travel lanes for wildlife through a nonprotective cover area.

The following are examples of eligible and ineligible wildlife corridors.



National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP33 Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Continued)**

N Management Activity

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1, as determined by COC. For quail and upland bird buffers, the buffers shall be disturbed on a rotational basis by light disking, prescribed burning, selective herbicide application, or other prescribed methods as approved to set back vegetative succession and woody encroachment, and to expose food seeds. Mowing is an inadequate means of disturbance for quail habitat, except as need to facilitate prescribed burning or light disking. See 2-CRP, paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

O Technical Responsibility

NRCS or TSP shall have technical responsibility for this practice.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)***--CP35A Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine – New****A Purpose**

The purpose of this practice is to establish a stand of primarily longleaf pine in a timber planting that will enhance environmental benefits.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible PNIF that had merchantable timber before the 2005 hurricanes.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- reduce soil erosion to less than the soil loss tolerance
- enhance water quality, wildlife, and erosion control benefit
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1L
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.

D Contract Activities**Planting Period**

The producer has 2 years from the start of the contract to remove debris and replant or allow natural regeneration of the stand. COC's may waive the replanting period for 1 additional year. Waiver should be based on conditions that are generally beyond the control of the producer. For example, drought or lack of planting stock would be reason to authorize a waiver.

Annual Status Review

A forestry official should conduct an annual status review with the producer until the stand is established. The State Forester will review the plan with the producer and ensure proper control of weeds and undergrowth.

Certification of Practice Completion

A forestry official will certify practice compliance and note acreage treatment. Compliance should follow with standards as outlined in the conservation plan.

Spot Check

FSA staff will conduct a minimum of 10 percent spot checks annually (FY) on EFCRP contracts.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35A Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine – New (Continued)

E C/S Policy

This table shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
debris removal	required to establish a stand or assist in the natural regeneration	authorized.
wildlife enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides cover opening that will provide additional wildlife benefits to the stand • to establish and maintain a cover that provides habitat for wildlife in otherwise open areas. This may relate to debris removal and salvage activities (planting load landings, temporary roads, etc.) 	
tree seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding/ planting	to establish approved tree species and improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance	
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specifications • needed until approved plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the approved species has passed • to establish a cover when a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
minerals, nutrients, seed, shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding	<p>substantiated as needed by COC to establish approved native grasses and/or shrubs best suited for wildlife in the area in the percent open areas of the tree planting</p> <p>Important: Open areas must be planted to a cover of approved native grass and/or shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area. Tree plantings within the open areas are not authorized.</p> <p>Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals, must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.</p>	
herbicides and insecticides	<p>specified as necessary to establish the approved cover and included in the tree planting plan and conservation plan</p> <p>Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.</p>	
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35A Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine – New (Continued)

E C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing		not authorized.
roads		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
minerals, nutrients, herbicides, and insecticides	to maintain vegetative cover, including trees, or enhance production	
to establish a tree species	for ornamental purposes and Christmas tree production	

F Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Plantings must be protected from destructive fire and from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1L.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice must be:
 - Federally-, State-, and locally-registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State requirements.
- The practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC.

G Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved cover shall be completed within two years of the effective date of CRP-1L. See paragraph 237 for exceptions.

H Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)***--CP35A Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine – New (Continued)****I Practice Maintenance**

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L. C/S shall be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1L
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1L, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L.

Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP contract appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. The participant must file CRP-37 and forego the annual rental payment or an amount equal to an annual rental payment if a lump-sum payment was made for the harvested acreage the year in which the trees will be removed.

J Management Activity

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for mid contract management activities.

K Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County practice shall identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as spacing, minimum plantings per acre, site preparation, or cultivation, that are conditions for C/S.
- Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

L Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to the Forest Service. If a Forest Service representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35B Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine – Existing**

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to enhance site characteristics to support an understocked stand made up of primarily longleaf pine that will provide significant environmental benefits.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible PNIF that had merchantable timber before the 2005 hurricanes and is suitable for growing trees that will provide multipurpose forest benefits. A forester must determine that the understocked stand is primarily longleaf pine and of sufficient quantity to be a manageable stand.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1L
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35B Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine – Existing (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
debris removal	required to establish a stand or assist in the natural regeneration	authorized.
wildlife enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides cover opening that will provide additional wildlife benefits to the stand to establish and maintain a cover that provides habitat for wildlife in otherwise open areas. This may relate to debris removal and salvage activities (planting load landings, temporary roads, etc.) 	
seedbed preparation	to establish a site that will permit natural regeneration and that will provide benefits to wildlife, water quality, and erosion control	
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specifications to establish a cover when a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
minerals, nutrients, seed, shrub seedlings, seedbed preparation, and seeding	<p>substantiated as needed by COC to establish approved native grasses and/or shrubs best suited for wildlife in the area in the open areas of the tree planting</p> <p>Important: Open areas must be planted to a cover of approved native grass and/or shrub plantings best suited for wildlife in the area.</p> <p>Note: The requirements for this practice, including eligible seed mixtures, nutrients, and minerals, must be specified in the practice specification, as designated by the designated technician.</p>	
herbicides and insecticides	<p>specified as necessary to establish the approved cover and included in the forestry plan and conservation plan</p> <p>Note: This does not include herbicides or pesticides used as part of the maintenance of the practice.</p>	
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	not authorized.
fencing		
roads		
clearing rocks or other obstructions from the area to be seeded		
minerals, nutrients, herbicides, and insecticides		
to establish a tree species	for ornamental purposes and Christmas tree production	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35B Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine – Existing (Continued)**

E Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Plantings must be protected from destructive fire and from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1L.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice must be:
 - Federally-, State-, and locally-registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State requirements.
- The practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC.

F Planting Timespan

Natural regeneration and/or planting shall be completed within two years of the effective date of CRP-1L. See paragraph 237 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)***--CP35B Emergency Forestry – Longleaf Pine – Existing (Continued)****H Practice Maintenance**

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L. C/S shall be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1L
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1L, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L.

Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP contract appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. The participant must file CRP-37 and forego the annual rental payment or an amount equal to an annual rental payment if a lump-sum payment was made for the harvested acreage the year in which the trees will be removed.

I Management Activity

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County practice shall identify the eligible species and provide any requirements, such as spacing, minimum plantings per acre, site preparation, or cultivation, that are conditions for C/S.
- Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to the Forest Service. If a Forest Service representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

--CP35C Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – New*A Purpose**

The purpose of this practice is to establish and provide for the long-term viability of a bottomland hardwood stand of trees that will:

- control sheet, rill, scour, gully, and other erosion
- reduce water, air, or land pollution
- restore and enhance the natural and beneficial functions of wetlands
- promote carbon sequestration
- restore and connect wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible PNIF that had merchantable timber suitable for growing bottomland hardwood trees or adapted shrubs that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits.

Note: Cottonwoods may be planted to enhance the viability of other hardwood trees (oaks, etc.)

Selection of cottonwood as a component must be silviculturally appropriate for the long-term health and production of the stand. Hydrologic and soil characteristics must be appropriate for the planting of cottonwood species.

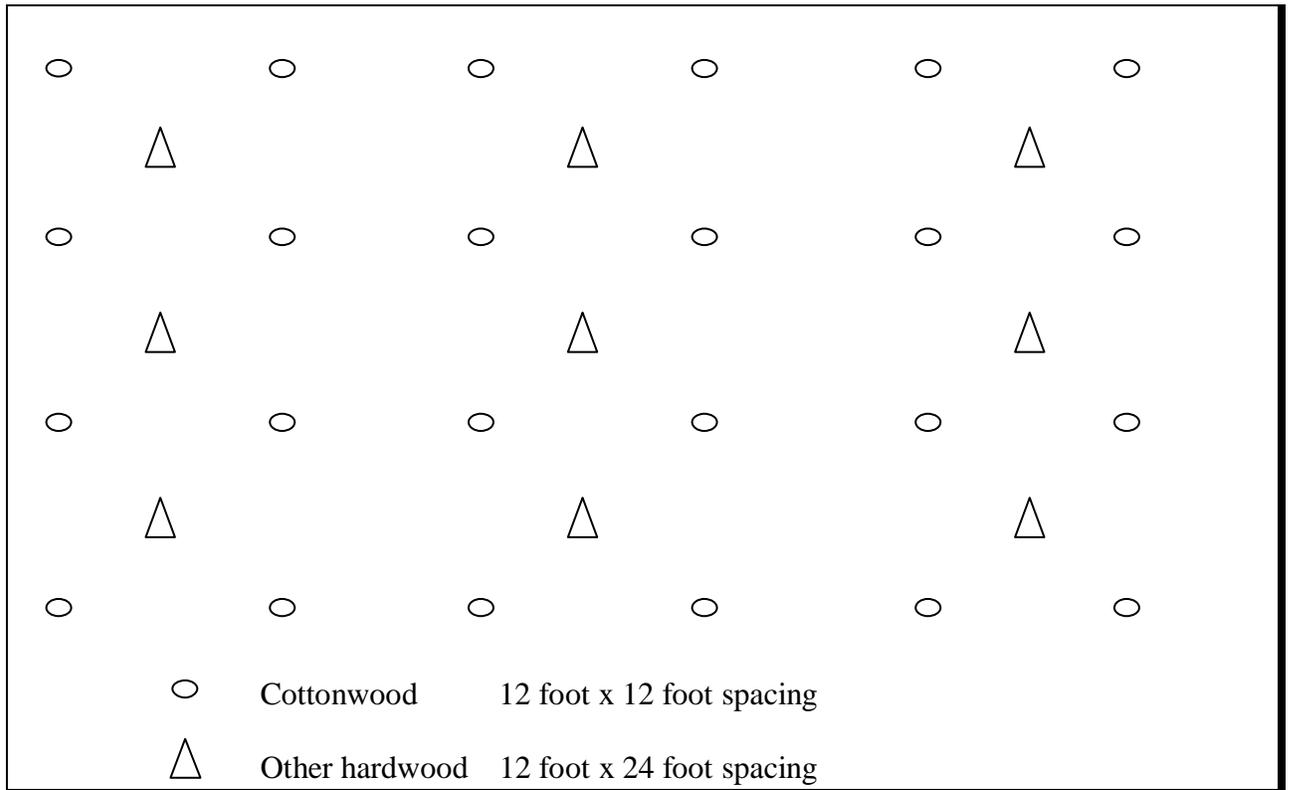
Example: Participant A enrolls 100 acres as CP35B who, working with a State Forester, selects cottonwood and 3 additional silviculturally appropriate hardwood species. The cottonwoods are planted on 12' x 12' spacing and the other hardwoods are planted on 12' x 24' spacing. The plan calls for weed and insect control during year 1 and cottonwood thinning during year 15. The cottonwood serves as a nurse crop for the other hardwood species in the neighboring rows. In year 2, Participant A may be eligible to enter into an agreement with a carbon company where Participant A sells greenhouse gas credits provided the terms and conditions of the CRP contract are not impacted. This agreement is solely between Participant A and the carbon company.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35C Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – New (Continued)

B Program Policy (Continued)

The following diagram illustrates a typical cottonwood/other hardwood planting.



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National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35C Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – New (Continued)**

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- reduce excessive erosion to an acceptable level and increase sediment trapping efficiencies
- improve surface or ground water quality
- restore forestland that has been extensively damaged by the 2005 hurricanes
- reduce scour, gully, stream bank, sheet, or rill erosion
- prevent excessive erosion from occurring
- enhance food and cover for wildlife
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1L
- be included in the approved conservation plan.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35C Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – New (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following table provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
to establish a minimum of 3 different varieties of mast producing hardwood tree and shrub species Notes: The hardwood species may include cottonwoods planted between the rows of hardwood. The cotton woods serve as a nurse crop for the other hardwoods and may be thinned after year 15 of the CRP contract.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to reduce erosion from wind or water • provide food and cover for waterfowl and other wildlife • improve surface or ground water quality 	authorized.
debris removal	required to establish a stand or assist in the natural regeneration	
wildlife enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides cover opening that will provide additional wildlife benefits to the stand • to establish and maintain a cover that provides habitat for wildlife in otherwise open areas. This may relate to debris removal and salvage activities (planting load landings, temporary roads, etc.) 	
to establish no more than 25 percent of the silviculturally appropriate softwood species, as determined by STC and determined appropriate by State Forester	to enhance 1 of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wetland development • wildlife habitat • hardwood stand health and vigor 	
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specification • needed until required planting stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • to establish a cover where a solid condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides or insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved tree planting plan to establish the cover	
minerals or nutrients	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35C Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – New (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control devices	approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing Note: STC must designate areas where using such measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings.	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
fencing		not authorized.
roads		
annual food plots		
to establish a hardwood tree species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for ornamental purposes • for Christmas trees • nursery tree production • production of commercial nuts, other than species customarily planted for forestry purposes 	
herbicides or insecticides	to maintain the vegetative cover including trees	
tree thinning		

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35C Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – New (Continued)**

E Requirements

The following requirements apply for this practice.

- Approval must be obtained from the State Forester and State Wildlife Agency certifying that planting of cottonwood as a nurse crop is appropriate for the State and site.
- Planting of cottonwood trees may only be for nurse trees in a pattern appropriate for that purpose.
- Plantings must be protected from destructive fire and from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1L.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice must be:
 - Federally-, State-, and locally- registered
 - applied according to authorized uses, directions on the label, and other Federal and State policies and requirements.

F Planting

Planting after CRP-1L is approved by COC shall be completed by the end of the next normal planting period, unless the producer can provide acceptable documentation that seed or tree stock is not available.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about:

- types of planting
- weed control
- spacing
- water management structures
- other practice specifications.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35C Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – New (Continued)**

H Practice Maintenance

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L.

Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP contract appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. The participant must file CRP-37 and forego the annual rental payment or an amount equal to an annual payment if a lump-sum payment was made for the harvested acreage the year in which the trees will be removed.

I Technical Responsibility

State Forester, NRCS, or TSP shall have technical responsibility for this practice. The State Forester has responsibility for determining if selection of a cottonwood species component is silviculturally appropriate.

J Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area shall not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1L.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests shall be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice must be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35C Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – New (Continued)**

K Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved permanent cover shall be completed within 2 years of the effective date of CRP-1L. See paragraph 237 for exceptions.

L Natural Regeneration

Natural regeneration by nuts or seed may be permitted under this practice provided the certified forester believes a viable stand can be reestablished.

M Management Activities

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35D Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – Existing**

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to enhance site characteristics of understocked stand of existing bottomland hardwood. The understocked stand must also provide for the long-term viability of a bottomland hardwood trees that have been impacted by the 2005 hurricanes deemed as a viable timber stand by a forester. The bottomland hardwood stand will:

- control sheet, rill, scour, and other erosion
- reduce water, air, or land pollution
- restore and enhance the natural and beneficial functions of wetlands
- promote carbon sequestration
- restore and connect wildlife habitat.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible PNIF that had merchantable timber before the 2005 hurricanes suitable for growing bottomland hardwood trees or adapted shrubs that will provide multipurpose forest and wildlife benefits.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35D Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – Existing (Continued)**

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- reduce excessive erosion to an acceptable level and increase sediment trapping efficiencies
- improve surface or ground water quality
- restore or enhance forestland that has been extensively damaged by the 2005 hurricanes
- reduce scour, gully, stream bank, sheet, or rill erosion
- prevent excessive erosion from occurring
- enhance food and cover for wildlife
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1L
- be included in the approved conservation plan.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35D Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – Existing (Continued)

D C/S Policy

The following table provides C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specification • needed until required planting stock is available • needed because normal planting period for the species has passed • to establish a cover where a solid condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	authorized.
debris removal	required to establish a stand or assist in the natural regeneration	
wildlife enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides cover opening that will provide additional wildlife benefits to the stand • to establish and maintain a cover that provides habitat for wildlife in otherwise open areas. This may relate to debris removal and salvage activities (planting load landings, temporary roads, etc.) 	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides or insecticides	specified as necessary in the approved tree planting plan to establish the cover	
minerals or nutrients	substantiated as needed by COC to establish the approved cover	
tree thinning		
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35D Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – Existing (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the justification is...	THEN C/S is...
herbicides and insecticides	to maintain the vegetative cover including trees	not authorized.
fencing		
roads		
annual food plots		
to establish a hardwood tree species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for ornamental purposes • for Christmas trees • nursery tree production • production of commercial nuts, other than species customarily planted for forestry purposes 	

E Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Approval must be obtained from the State Forester and State Wildlife Agency certifying that planting of cottonwood as a nurse crop is appropriate for the State and site.
- Plantings must be protected from destructive fire and from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1L.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice must be:
 - Federally-, State-, and locally-registered
 - applied according to authorized uses, directions on the label, and other Federal and State policies and requirements.

F Planting

Planting after CRP-1L is approved by COC shall be completed by the end of the next normal planting period, unless the producer can provide acceptable documentation that seed or tree stock is not available.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)***--CP35D Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – Existing (Continued)****G Environmental Concerns**

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about:

- types of planting
- weed control
- spacing
- water management structures
- other practice specifications.

H Practice Maintenance

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L.

Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP contract appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. The participant must file CRP-37 and forego the annual rental payment or an amount equal to an annual rental payment if a lump-sum payment was made for the harvested acreage the year in which the trees will be removed.

I Technical Responsibility

State Forester, NRCS, or TSP shall have technical responsibility for this practice. The State Forester has responsibility for determining if selection of a cottonwood species component is silviculturally appropriate.

J Practice Requirements

In addition to the practice standards in NRCS FOTG, the following requirements apply.

- The seeded area shall not be harvested or grazed by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1L.
- Noxious weeds and other undesirable plants, insects, and pests shall be controlled, including such maintenance as necessary to avoid an adverse impact on surrounding lands.
- The practice must be established and maintained according to the practice standards in FOTG.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35D Emergency Forestry – Bottomland Hardwood – Existing (Continued)**

K Planting Timespan

Planting or sowing of the approved permanent cover shall be completed within two years of the effective date of CRP-1L. See paragraph 237 for exceptions.

L Natural Regeneration

Natural regeneration by nuts or seed may be permitted under this practice provided the certified forester believes a viable stand can be reestablished.

M Management Activities

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35E Emergency Forestry - Softwood – New**

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to establish a stand of trees in a timber planting that will enhance environmental benefits for acreage damaged by the 2005 hurricanes.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible PNIF that had merchantable timber before a 2005 hurricane and is suitable for growing trees that will provide multipurpose forest benefits.

Predominant hardwood may include softwood trees:

- not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted
- **only** to provide wildlife habitat diversity to the area
- where used as nurse trees for no economic use.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- improve environmental benefits to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1L
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35E Emergency Forestry - Softwood – New (Continued)

D C/S Policy

This table shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the purpose is...	THEN C/S is...
to establish suitable softwood tree species	to improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level	authorized.
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specifications, including hardwood trees, to ensure survivability of softwoods needed until required plant stock is available needed because the normal planting period for the species has passed to establish a cover where a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	
debris removal	required to establish a stand or assist in the natural regeneration	
wildlife enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides cover opening that will provide additional wildlife benefits to the stand to establish and maintain a cover that provides habitat for wildlife in otherwise open areas. This may relate to debris removal and salvage activities (planting load landings, temporary roads, etc.) 	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved tree planting plan to establish the cover	
insecticides		
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	
tree shelters, netting, plastic tubes, or other animal control damage devices	<p>approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing</p> <p>Note: STC must designate areas where use of these measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 441.</p>	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35E Emergency Forestry - Softwood – New (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the purpose is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing		not authorized.
roads		
to establish a hardwood tree species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for ornamental purposes • for Christmas tree production 	
herbicides	to maintain the vegetative cover, including trees	
insecticides		

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35E Emergency Forestry - Softwood – New (Continued)**

E Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Approval must be obtained from the State Forester certifying that planting up to 50 percent softwoods is an appropriate silvicultural practice for the State.
- Planting in excess of 50 percent must receive prior approval from the Forest Service and FSA National Office.
- Plantings must be protected from destructive fire and from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1L.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice must be:
 - Federally-, State-, and locally-registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- The practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC.

F Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover shall be completed within 2 years of the effective date of CRP-1L. See paragraph 237 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)***--CP35E Emergency Forestry - Softwood – New (Continued)****H Practice Maintenance**

This practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L as designated by participant.

C/S shall be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1L
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1L, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L.

Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP contract appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. The participant must file CRP-37 and forego the annual rental payment or an amount equal to an annual rental payment if a lump-sum payment was made for the harvested acreage the year in which the trees will be removed.

I Management Activity

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County practice shall:
 - identify the eligible species
 - provide requirements, such as spacing, minimum plantings per acre, including softwoods for cover (to be a minimum amount necessary), site preparation, or cultivation, that are conditions for C/S.
- Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to the Forest Service. If a Forest Service representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35F Emergency Forestry - Softwood – Existing**

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to enhance an existing understocked stand of trees in a timber planting that will enhance environmental benefits for acreage damaged by the 2005 hurricanes.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible existing PNIF that had merchantable timber before the 2005 hurricanes and is suitable for growing trees that will provide multipurpose forest benefits.

Predominant softwood planting may include hardwood trees:

- not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted
- **only** to provide wildlife habitat diversity to the area
- where used as nurse trees for no economic use.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- reduce erosion to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1L
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35F Emergency Forestry - Softwood – Existing (Continued)

D C/S Policy

This table shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the purpose is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specifications, including hardwood trees, to ensure survivability of softwoods needed until required plant stock is available needed because the normal planting period for the species has passed to establish a cover where a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	authorized.
debris removal	required to establish a stand or assist in the natural regeneration	
wildlife enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides cover opening that will provide additional wildlife benefits to the stand to establish and maintain a cover that provides habitat for wildlife in otherwise open areas. This may relate to debris removal and salvage activities (planting load landings, temporary roads, etc.) 	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved tree planting plan to establish the cover	
insecticides		
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	
fencing		not authorized
roads		
to establish a hardwood tree species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for ornamental purposes for Christmas tree production 	
herbicides	to maintain the vegetative cover, including trees	
insecticides		

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35F Emergency Forestry - Softwood – Existing (Continued)**

E Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Approval must be obtained from the State Forester certifying that planting up to 50 percent softwoods is an appropriate silvicultural practice for the State.
- Planting in excess of 50 percent must receive prior approval from the Forest Service and FSA National Office.
- Plantings must be protected from destructive fire and from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1L.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice must be:
 - Federally-, State-, and locally-registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- The practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC.

F Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover shall be completed within two years of the effective date of CRP-L. See paragraph 237 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications. Ensure noxious and invasive plants are controlled throughout the life of the contract.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)***--CP35F Emergency Forestry - Softwood – Existing (Continued)****H Practice Maintenance**

This practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L as designated by participant.

C/S shall be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1L
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1L, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L.

Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP contract appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. The participant must file CRP-37 and forego the annual rental payment or an amount equal to an annual rental payment if a lump-sum payment was made for the harvested acreage the year in which the trees will be removed.

I Management Activity

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County practice shall:
 - identify the eligible species
 - provide requirements for site preparation and/or cultivation, that are conditions for C/S.
- Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to the Forest Service. If a Forest Service representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35G Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood – New**

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to establish a stand of trees in a timber planting that will enhance environmental benefits for acreage damaged by the 2005 hurricanes.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible existing PNIF that had merchantable timber before the 2005 hurricanes and is suitable for growing trees that will provide multipurpose forest benefits.

Predominant softwood may include hardwood trees:

- not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted
- **only** to provide wildlife habitat diversity to the area
- where used as nurse trees for no economic use.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- reduce erosion to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1L
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35G Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood – New (Continued)

D C/S Policy

This table shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the purpose is...	THEN C/S is...
to establish suitable hardwood tree species on more than 50 percent of the stand	to improve environmental benefits to an acceptable level	authorized.
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required in the practice specifications, including hardwood trees • needed until required plant stock is available • needed because the normal planting period for the species has passed • to establish a cover where a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	
debris removal	required to establish a stand or assist in the natural regeneration	
wildlife enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides cover opening that will provide additional wildlife benefits to the stand • to establish and maintain a cover that provides habitat for wildlife in otherwise open areas. This may relate to debris removal and salvage activities (planting load landings, temporary roads, etc.) 	
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved tree planting plan to establish the cover	
insecticides	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	authorized not to exceed an average cost, as determined by STC.
clean tilling	<p>approved by STC for the area and substantiated as needed by designated technician and COC to prevent damage from wildlife browsing</p> <p>Note: STC must designate areas where use of these measures is warranted and cost-effective to protect seedlings. See paragraphs 31 and 441.</p>	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35G Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood – New (Continued)

D C/S Policy (Continued)

IF the component is...	AND the purpose is...	THEN C/S is...
fencing		not authorized.
roads		
to establish a softwood tree species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for ornamental purposes • for Christmas tree production 	
herbicides	to maintain the vegetative cover, including trees	
insecticides		
temporary cover	hardwood trees that serve as trainers to produce high-value softwoods Note: Where silviculturally appropriate, as determined by the service forester, softwoods may be planted as trainers, not to exceed 50 percent of the number of trees planted to optimize softwood quality if no commercial use is made of the hardwoods.	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35G Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood – New (Continued)**

E Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Approval must be obtained from the State Forester certifying that planting up to 50 percent hardwoods is an appropriate silvicultural practice for the State.
- Planting in excess of 50 percent must receive prior approval from the Forest Service and FSA National Office.
- Plantings must be protected from destructive fire and from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1L.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice must be:
 - Federally-, State-, and locally-registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- The practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC.

F Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover shall be completed within two years of the effective date of CRP-1L. See paragraph 237 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications. This includes the controlling of noxious and invasive plants.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)***--CP35G Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood – New (Continued)****H Practice Maintenance**

This practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L as designated by participant.

C/S shall be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1L
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1L, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L.

Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP contract appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. The participant must file CRP-37 and forego the annual rental payment or an amount equal to an annual rental payment if a lump-sum payment was made for the harvested acreage the year in which the trees will be removed.

I Management Activity

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County practice shall:
 - identify the eligible species
 - provide requirements, such as spacing, minimum plantings per acre, including softwoods for cover (to be a minimum amount necessary), site preparation, or cultivation, that are conditions for C/S.
- Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to the Forest Service. If a Forest Service representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NTCS or TSP.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35H Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood – Existing**

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to enhance site characteristics of an existing stand of trees that were damaged by the 2005 hurricanes. The stand must be a viable understocked stand as determined by a certified forester and provide environmental benefit.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible PNIF that had merchantable timber before the 2005 hurricanes and is suitable for growing trees that will provide multipurpose forest benefits.

Predominant softwood may include softwood trees:

- not to exceed 50 percent of the total number of trees planted
- **only** to provide wildlife habitat diversity to the area
- where used as nurse trees for no economic use.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- reduce erosion to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1L
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35H Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood – Existing (Continued)

D C/S Policy

This table shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the purpose is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specifications, including hardwood trees, to ensure survivability of softwoods needed until required plant stock is available needed because the normal planting period for the species has passed to establish a cover where a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	authorized.
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreak, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	
debris removal	required to establish a stand or assist in the natural regeneration	
wildlife enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provides cover opening that will provide additional wildlife benefits to the stand to establish and maintain a cover that provides habitat for wildlife in otherwise open areas. This may relate to debris removal and salvage activities (planting load landings, temporary roads, etc.) 	
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved tree planting plan to establish the cover	
insecticides		
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	
fencing		not authorized.
roads		
to establish a hardwood tree species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for ornamental purposes for Christmas tree production 	
herbicides	to maintain the vegetative cover, including trees	
insecticides		
temporary cover	<p>hardwood trees that serve as trainers to produce high-value softwoods</p> <p>Note: Where silviculturally appropriate, as determined by the service forester, softwoods may be planted as trainers, not to exceed 50 percent of the number of trees planted to optimize softwood quality if no commercial use is made of the hardwoods.</p>	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35H Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood – Existing (Continued)**

E Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- Approval must be obtained from the State Forester certifying that planting up to 50 percent hardwoods is an appropriate silvicultural practice for the State.
- Planting in excess of 50 percent must receive prior approval from the Forest Service and FSA National Office.
- Plantings must be protected from destructive fire and from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1L.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice must be:
 - Federally-, State-, and locally-registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- The practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC.

F Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover shall be completed within two years of the effective date of CRP-1L. See paragraph 237 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35H Emergency Forestry – Upland Hardwood – Existing (Continued)

H Practice Maintenance

This practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L as designated by participant.

C/S shall be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1L
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1L, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L.

Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP contract appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. The participant must file CRP-37 and forego the annual rental payment or an amount equal to an annual rental payment if a lump-sum payment was made for the harvested acreage the year in which the trees will be removed.

I Management Activity

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County practice shall:
 - identify the eligible species
 - provide requirements, such as spacing, minimum plantings per acre, including softwoods for cover (to be a minimum amount necessary), site preparation, or cultivation, that are conditions for C/S.
- Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to the Forest Service. If a Forest Service representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35I Emergency Forestry – Mixed Trees – Existing**

A Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to enhance an existing understocked mixed stand of trees in a timber planting that will enhance environmental benefits for acreage damaged by the 2005 hurricanes.

B Program Policy

Apply this practice to eligible existing PNIF that had merchantable timber before the 2005 hurricanes and is suitable for growing trees that will provide multipurpose forest benefits.

C Eligibility

To be eligible for C/S, this practice shall:

- reduce erosion to less than the soil loss tolerance
- prevent degradation of environmental benefits from recurring
- be maintained for the life of CRP-1L
- be included in the approved tree planting plan.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)

*--CP35I Emergency Forestry – Mixed Trees – Existing(Continued)

D C/S Policy

This table shows C/S policies for this practice.

IF the component is...	AND the purpose is...	THEN C/S is...
temporary cover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> required in the practice specifications, including softwood trees, to ensure survivability of hardwoods needed until required plant stock is available needed because the normal planting period for the species has passed to establish a cover where a soil condition, such as chemical residue, will not immediately allow establishment of permanent cover 	authorized.
seeding firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	to establish and maintain the cover according to State requirements	not authorized.
herbicides	specified as necessary in the approved tree planting plan to establish the cover	
insecticides		
wildlife enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to establish and maintain a cover that provides habitat for wildlife in otherwise open areas. This may relate to debris removal and salvage activities (planting load landings, temporary roads, etc.) provides cover opening that will provide additional wildlife benefits to the stand 	
debris removal	required to establish a stand or assist in the natural regeneration	
clean tilling	for firebreaks, fuelbreaks, or firelanes	
fencing		
roads		
to establish a hardwood tree species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> for ornamental purposes for Christmas tree production 	
herbicides	to maintain the vegetative cover, including trees	
insecticides		
temporary cover	softwood trees that serve as trainers to produce high-value hardwoods Note: Where silviculturally appropriate, as determined by the service forester, softwoods may be planted as trainers, not to exceed 50 percent of the number of trees planted to optimize hardwood quality if no commercial use is made of the softwoods.	

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National CRP Practices (Continued)

***--CP35I Emergency Forestry – Mixed Trees – Existing (Continued)**

E Requirements

The following are requirements for this practice.

- At least 50 percent of the stand is not identified as any 1 species of trees.
- Plantings must be protected from destructive fire and from grazing by domestic livestock for the life of CRP-1L.
- Chemicals used in performing the practice must be:
 - Federally, State, and locally registered
 - applied according to authorized registered uses, directions on the label, and other Federal or State policies and requirements.
- The practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC.

F Planting Timespan

Planting of the approved cover shall be completed within two years of the effective date of CRP-1L. See paragraph 237 for exceptions.

G Environmental Concerns

Consider preserving and improving the environment and wildlife concerns when making determinations about types of plantings, spacing, and other practice specifications. Ensure noxious and invasive plants are controlled throughout the life of the contract.--*

National CRP Practices (Continued)***--CP35I Emergency Forestry – Mixed Trees – Existing (Continued)****H Practice Maintenance**

This practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L as designated by participant.

C/S shall be refunded if either of the following applies:

- the producer destroys the cover during the life of CRP-1L
- the cover fails to adequately improve environmental benefits during the life of CRP-1L, unless the failure is caused by circumstances beyond the producer's control.

The practice shall be maintained without additional C/S for the life of CRP-1L.

Tree thinning or harvest of cottonwood species may be permitted after year 9 of the CRP contract appropriate for the stand as determined by the State Forester. The participant must file CRP-37 and forego the annual rental payment or an amount equal to an annual rental payment if a lump-sum payment was made for the harvested acreage the year in which the trees will be removed.

I Management Activity

This practice shall have periodic management activities performed, according to the conservation plan, during the life of CRP-1L, as determined by COC. See paragraph 239.

C/S is authorized for management activities.

J Program Development

Follow this subparagraph to develop the county program.

- County practice shall:
 - identify the eligible species
 - provide requirements for site preparation and/or cultivation, that are conditions for C/S.
- Approved planting methods may be included or incorporated by reference to published technical standards.

K Technical Responsibility

Technical responsibility for this practice shall be assigned to the Forest Service. If a Forest Service representative is not available, this responsibility may be redelegated to NRCS or TSP.--*

***--Examples of Status of EFCRP Offer Notices (CRP-100, CRP-101, CRP-102, CRP-103, CRP-104) (Continued)**

A CRP-101, Notice of EFCRP Offer Denial

Following is an example of CRP-101.



United States
Department of
Agriculture

NOTICE OF EFCRP OFFER DENIAL

Farm and Foreign
Agricultural Services

Date (MM-DD-YYYY) <Date>

Farm Service <Insert Inside Address>
Agency
County Office
Name
FSA Office
Any Town, ST
XXXXX-XXXX

Dear <Insert Producer's Name> :

Thank you for your offer to place land in the Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program (EFCRP).

Your offer to participate in the EFCRP was not accepted because the <land does not meet the statutory 35 percent loss requirement> or <land was not a merchantable stand of private non-industrial forest land prior a calendar year 2005 hurricane as required by law>.

If you feel that all the facts have not been considered, you may meet with the <Insert County Name> County Committee by contacting this office. You need to provide factual information and reasons why you believe this determination is not correct.

You may appeal this determination to the County Committee by filing a written request no later than 30 calendar days after you receive this notice in accordance with the FSA appeal procedures found at 7 CFR Part 780. If you appeal to the County Committee, you have the right to an informal hearing which you or your representative may attend either personally or by telephone. If you appeal this determination to the County Committee, you may later appeal an adverse determination of the County Committee to the FSA State Committee or NAD. To appeal, write to the County Committee at the following address and explain why you believe this determination is erroneous. <Insert COC Address>.

Sincerely,

<Insert CED's Name>
County Executive Director

Enclosures

<Additional Statements>

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CRP-101 (07-06-06)

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***--Examples of Status of EFCRP Offer Notices (CRP-100, CRP-101, CRP-102, CRP-103, CRP-104) (Continued)**

A CRP-103, Notice of EFCRP Offer Approval

CRP-103 is sent to producers who choose to receive a lump-sum payment. Following is an example of CRP-103.



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Farm and Foreign
Agricultural Services

Farm Service
Agency

County Office
Name

FSA Office
Any Town, ST
XXXXX-XXXX

NOTICE OF EFCRP OFFER APPROVAL

Date (MM-DD-YYYY) <Date>

<Insert Inside Address>

Dear <Applicant's Name> :

Your offer to place land in the Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program (EFCRP) has been approved by the <Insert County Name> County Committee.

Enclosed are signed copies of the EFCRP contract including the conservation plan and contract appendix. The effective date of the EFCRP contract is <Insert Effective Date of Contract>.

Prior to starting any work on the contract, please contact this office. When the work is complete, you must provide this office with a report of performance and include all receipts affiliated with practice establishment so that cost-share payments can be made.

Because you chose a lump sum rental payment, you will receive a one-time payment as payment in full for any and all rental payments due you. We intend to issue this lump sum payment to you within 30 calendar days from the effective date of the EFCRP contract. Please contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

<Insert CED Name>
County Executive Director

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CRP-103 (07-06-06)



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***--Examples of Status of EFCRP Offer Notices (CRP-100, CRP-101, CRP-102, CRP-103, CRP-104) (Continued)**

A CRP-104, Notice of EFCRP Offer Approval

CRP-104 is sent to producers who choose to receive annual rental payments. Following is an example of CRP-104.



United States
Department of
Agriculture

NOTICE OF EFCRP OFFER APPROVAL

Farm and Foreign
Agricultural Services

Date (MM-DD-YYYY) <Date>

Farm Service Agency <Insert Inside Address>

County Office Name

FSA Office

Any Town, ST
XXXXX-XXXX

Dear <Producer's Name> :

Your offer to place land in the Emergency Forestry Conservation Reserve Program (EFCRP) has been approved by the <Insert County Name> County Committee.

Enclosed are signed copies of the EFCRP contract including the conservation plan and contract appendix. The effective date of the EFCRP contract is <Insert Effective Date of Contract>.

Prior to starting any work on the contract, please contact this office. When the work is complete you must provide this office with a report of performance and include all receipts affiliated with practice establishment so that cost-share payments can be made.

Because you chose to receive annual rental payments, you are eligible to receive the first annual rental payment 12 months after the effective date of the EFCRP contract and annually thereafter for the remainder of the 10 year contract period.

Sincerely,

<Insert CED's Name>
County Executive Director

Enclosures

<Additional Statements>

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CRP-104 (07-06-06)

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***--Eligible States and Counties and Applicable EFCRP Annual Rental Rates**

Alabama	
County	CRP Annual Payment Rate
Autauga	41
Baldwin	50
Bibb	35
Butler	46
Chambers	34
Choctaw	35
Clarke	41
Clay	33
Cleburne	38
Coffee	58
Colbert	59
Conecuh	38
Covington	52
Crenshaw	55
Cullman	41
Dallas	37
Escambia	55
Geneva	60
Greene	35
Hale	34
Henry	47
Houston	59
Jefferson	43
Lamar	38
Lauderdale	58
Lowndes	32
Macon	38
Marengo	34
Marion	31
Mobile	42
Monroe	45
Perry	35
Pickens	40
Pike	52
Randolph	33
Sumter	35
Tuscaloosa	37
Washington	33
Wilcox	32
Winston	43

Florida	
County	CRP Annual Payment Rate
Bay	38
Brevard	68
Broward	132
Calhoun	42
Charlotte	82
Collier	109
Dixie	31
Escambia	48
Franklin	38
Gadsden	41
Glades	93
Gulf	36
Hardee	77
Hendry	89
Highlands	89
Holmes	34
Indian River	89
Jackson	41
Jefferson	39
Lee	66
Leon	36
Levy	42
Liberty	40
Martin	89
Miami-Dade	153
Monroe	153
Okaloosa	36
Okeechobee	49
Palm Beach	99
St. Lucie	112
Santa Rosa	39
Sarasota	128
Taylor	34
Wakulla	38
Walton	31
Washington	44

Louisiana	
County	CRP Annual Payment Rate
Acadia	38
Allen	26
Ascension	36
Assumption	36
Beauregard	32
Calcasieu	32
Cameron	32
De Soto	39
East Baton Rouge	33
East Feliciana	25
Evangeline	31
Iberia	34
Iberville	36
Jefferson	36
Jefferson Davis	27
Lafayette	30
Lafourche	37
Livingston	43
Natchitoches	43
Orleans	36
Plaquemines	36
Pointe Coupee	61
Rapides	30
Sabine	30
St. Bernard	36
St. Charles	36
St. Helena	20
St. James	36
St. John the Baptist	36
St. Landry	35
St. Martin	34
St. Mary	34
St. Tammany	26
Tangipahoa	26
Terrebonne	36
Vermilion	30
Vernon	30
Washington	26
West Baton Rouge	36
West Feliciana	29

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***--Eligible States and Counties and Applicable EFCRP Annual Rental Rates (Continued)**

Mississippi			
County	CRP Annual Payment Rate	County	CRP Annual Payment Rate
Adams	33	Lincoln	22
Amite	23	Lowndes	39
Attala	43	Madison	47
Bolivar	52	Marion	31
Calhoun	48	Monroe	40
Carroll	41	Montgomery	44
Chickasaw	37	Neshoba	36
Choctaw	39	Newton	34
Claiborne	37	Noxubee	39
Clarke	24	Oktibbeha	44
Clay	40	Panola	53
Copiah	32	Pearl River	21
Covington	21	Perry	29
Forrest	32	Pike	23
Franklin	23	Pontotoc	45
George	29	Prentiss	36
Greene	27	Rankin	38
Grenada	44	Scott	38
Hancock	24	Sharkey	49
Harrison	24	Simpson	29
Hinds	42	Smith	33
Holmes	47	Stone	21
Humphreys	43	Sunflower	46
Issaquena	51	Tallahatchie	52
Itawamba	43	Tate	56
Jackson	24	Tippah	40
Jasper	27	Tishomingo	35
Jefferson	25	Tunica	55
Jefferson Davis	21	Walthall	22
Jones	35	Warren	50
Kemper	27	Wayne	26
Lafayette	43	Webster	46
Lamar	26	Wilkinson	30
Lauderdale	30	Winston	36
Lawrence	25	Yalobusha	44
Leake	34	Yazoo	51
Leflore	44		

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***--EFCRP BI and National Calculation Factors**

1 EFCRP BI

A Overview

BI will be used to rank and prioritize offers for enrollment into EFCRP.

B BI Process and Factor Scoring

Producers must be provided a fact sheet describing BI. FSA will review BI with the producer to ensure that the producer is familiar with the scoring process. The producer shall sign CRP-2F to certify their awareness if the scoring process is used for EFCRP.

C Overview of National BI

The National BI includes the following 4 factors.

- N1, Erosion (50 or 100 points)
- N2, Water Quality (50 or 100 points)
- N3, Wildlife (10 to 100 points; comprised of cover type and wildlife enhancement)
- N4, Mitigation of Economic Loss (20 to 100 points; comprised of percent loss and value loss per acre).

The National BI is calculated according to the following.

$N1 + N2 + N3 + N4 = \text{National BI score--*}$

***--EFCRP BI and National Calculation Factors (Continued)**

1 EFCRP BI (Continued)

C Overview of National BI (Continued)

The following illustrates the National ranking factors.

Factor	Point Range	Scoring Parameters
N1	50 or 100 points	Erosion factor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gully erosion present = 100 points • No gully erosion present = 50 points
N2	50 or 100 points	Water quality factor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent stream, river, lake, and/or wetland on the acreage = 100 points • No permanent water and/or wetland on site = 50 points
N3	10 to 100 points	Wildlife factor that takes into account the type of cover and density of cover along with enhancements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover type = 10 to 80 point • Wildlife beneficial species = 10 points • Wildlife enhancements = 10 points.
N4	20 to 100 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprised of percent loss (10 to 50 points) • Value loss per acre (10 to 50 points)

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***--EFCRP BI and National Calculation Factors (Continued)**

2 EFCRP BI Calculation Factors

A National Ranking Factor N1 – Erosion

Formula/Point Value: **Erosion** = 50 or 100 points

Gully Erosion Potential	Point Value
Slight. The site is on average less than 6 percent slope. There is little potential for gully erosion. The site (soils, slope, existing conditions) has low potential gully erosion. Gully erosion is not present on the acreage offered.	50
High. The site on average has greater than or equal to 6 percent slope. There is high potential for gully erosion. Active gully erosion is present on the acreage offered.	100

B National Ranking Factor N2 – Water Quality

Formula/Point Value: **Water Quality** = 50 or 100 points

Permanent Water Bodies on the Site	Point Value
Low. There are no permanent (i.e. streams, rivers, ponds, lakes) and/or wetlands on the acreage offered.	50
High. There are permanent (i.e. streams, rivers, ponds, lakes) and/or wetlands present on the acreage offered. There is no buffer from the site to the water body.	100

Water Quality Improvement

For purposes of ranking, water quality improvement is determined by permanent water on the offered acreage. A permanent water body is any of the following:

- lake
- pond
- stream
- river.

Wetlands with water areas capable of reducing damages by sedimentation and associated pollutants must be a combination of the following:

- permanently flooded - water covers the land surface throughout the year in all years
- intermittently exposed - surface water is present throughout the year, except in years of extreme drought
- semi-permanently flooded - surface water is present throughout the growing season in most years
- seasonally flooded - surface water is present for extended periods of not less than 21 calendar days especially in the growing season, but is absent by the end of the growing season in most years.

Note: When surface water is absent, the water table is at or very near the land surface.--*

***--EFCRP BI and National Calculation Factors (Continued)**

2 EFCRP BI Calculation Factors (Continued)

C National Ranking Factor N3 – Wildlife Habitat Benefits

Formula/Point Value is: **Wildlife Habitat Benefits** = Subfactor A (10 to 80 points) +
Subfactor B – Wildlife Beneficial Species (10 points)

The N3 factor is determined based on the weighted average value for the land offered for enrollment. The score would be the sum of all the values (based on the score for the site, multiplied by the acres) divided by the sum of all acres.

Subfactor A – Cover and Practices Beneficial to Wildlife (10 to 80 points)

Planting Details	Points
New planting or establishment of pine or other softwood species less than 500 trees/acres.	80
New planting or establishment of hardwood species; low to medium density (less than 500 trees/acres).	
Existing stand of trees with basal area of 30 – 60 square feet per acre.	60
Existing stand of trees with residual basal area of 60 – 80 square feet per acre.	50
New planting or establishment of softwood species at greater than 500 trees per acre.	20
New planting or establishment of hardwood species at greater than 500 trees per acre.	
Existing stand of trees with residual basal area greater than 80 square feet per acre.	10

Note: The 10 point additive wildlife enhancement will still apply.

Subfactor B - Wildlife Beneficial Species - (10 points)

Additional points (10) will be assigned for both Longleaf and Bottomland Hardwood species. These tree species have been found to promote habitat and nesting for wildlife.

Subfactor C – Wildlife Enhancement – (10 points)

Points are assigned if the producer implements wildlife enhancement measures on the tree stand. These enhancements include planting wildlife appropriate cover on skidder trails, loading decks, other areas used during debris removal or salvage operations, and other appropriate land.--*

***--EFCRP BI and National Calculation Factors (Continued)**

2 EFCRP BI Calculation Factors (Continued)

D National Ranking Factor N4 – Mitigation of Economic Loss

Formula/Point Value is: **Mitigation of Economic Loss** = Subfactor A (10 to 50 points) +
Subfactor B (10 to 50 points)

Subfactor A – Stand Loss (10 to 50 points)

Stand Loss	Point Value
Greater than or equal to 35 percent and less than 60 percent.	10
Greater than or equal to 60 percent and less than 75 percent.	20
Greater than or equal to 75 percent and less than 90 percent.	30
Greater than or equal to 90 percent.	50

Subfactor B – Value Loss per Acre (10 to 50 points)

Value Loss	Point Value
Less than \$100 per acre.	10
Greater than or equal to \$100 per acre and less than \$500 per acre.	20
Greater than or equal to \$500 per acre and less than \$1,500 per acre	30
Greater than or equal to \$1,500 per acre.	50

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